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| FOR:            | FLEXOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE, FLEXOGRAPHIC PRINTER,<br>METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FLEXOGRAPHIC PRINTING<br>PLATE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING PRINTED SUBSTANCE |            |              |

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated August 3, 2007 of the above-referenced application. Applicants respond to the Office Action as follows.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 7-12 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1-6 were examined in the Office Action of 08/03/2007.

Applicants' claimed invention is directed to a flexographic printing plate including a raised part for transferring a printing substance to a printing substrate, where "the printing substance is transferred to the printing substrate by the raised part contacting the printing substrate" (see specification at page 1, line 22 to page 2, line 4; and page 13, lines 7-12).

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,343,550 to Feesler. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feesler in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0099389 to Chen et al. ("Chen"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.